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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1975; ALLIANCE COOPERATION

REF: USNATO 3322

1. NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL FOR PARA 40 OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1975 (REFTEL) HAS NOW BEEN CIRCULATED (WITH SLIGHT REVISION TO FOOTNOTE) BY NETHERLANDS DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE REP CARSTEN.

BEGIN TEXT:

WITH REFERENCE TO THE DISCUSSION ON THE WORDING OF THE ADDITION TO PARAGRAPH 40 OF THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1975 IN THE DRC MEETING OF JUNE 12, LAST, I HAVE NOW BEEN AUTHORIZED
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TO INFORM YOU THAT MY AUTHORITIES CAN AGREE TO THE SUBSTITUTION OF "WILL" BY "COULD" IN THE TEXT AS CIRCULATED BY MY LETTER DATED JUNE 3, NR. 3736.

THE AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH 40 WOULD THEREFORE READ:

"THESE POSSIBILITIES HAVE TO BE PURSUED WITH INCREASED VIGOUR, AS INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN THESE FIELDS COULD MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO MAINTAIN VALID DEFENCES WITHIN THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE."

HOWEVER, AS BY THIS AMENDMENT THE NETHERLANDS' POINT OF VIEW IN THIS MATTER IS NOT ANY MORE FULLY REFLECTED, THEIR AGREEMENT CAN ONLY BE GIVEN ON THE CONDITION THAT THE NETHERLANDS' POSITION IS MORE FULLY EXPLAINED IN A FOOTNOTE OF THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

"THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER OF DEFENCE WANTS TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE PREFERRED A MORE STRINGENT FORMULATION OF THIS RISH#AS HE CONSIDERED THAT ONLY IN THAT WAY THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER COULD BE EXPRESSED REALISTICALLY."

FOR CONVENIENCE SAKE I AM COPYING THIS LETTER TO ALL OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE DRC.

END TEXT.

2. IS (BRABAND) ADVISES THAT THIS LANGUAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY NETHERLANDS MINISTERS VAN DER STOEL AND VREDELING, AND THAT DPC PERMREPS WILL PROBABLY MEET ON THIS PROPOSAL WEEK OF JUNE
23. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. STREATOR

NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED.

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